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Annual expenditure of Government towards the payment of the various allowances.

*501 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total expenditure incurred by Government annually in the payment of (i) duty allowance, (ii) presidency allowance, (iii) house rent or rent for free quarters, (iv) conveyance allowance, (v) special allowance and (vi) special pay to gazetted and non-gazetted servants, respectively, during the last five years in the City of Madras; and

(*b*) what is the amount incurred similarly in the case of gazetted and non-gazetted servants of the Government employed in the mufassal?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The statistics required by the hon. Member are not available and their collection for a period of five years would involve an expenditure of time and labour which would not be commensurate with the result. The following is, however, the analysis of the total expenditure for which provision was made in the Budget Estimate for 1931–32 on the special pays and compensatory allowances of gazetted and non-gazetted officers:—

Nature of allowances.	Gazetted officers.	Non-gazetted officers.	Total.
	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.
(1) Special pay (added responsibility, arduous nature, and specific addition to work)	3·87	5·41	9·28
(2) Special pay (unhealthy localities).	·21	3·19	3·40
(3) Presidency allowances and house rent	1·44	1·06	2·50
(4) Conveyance allowances	·18	·69	·87
(5) Other allowances (uniform, ration, dhobi, horse and saddlery, etc.)	·36	7·55	7·91
Total ..	6·06	17·90	23·96

Standard of living among the working and middle classes.

* 502 *Q.*—Mr. C. BASU DEV: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m.

(*a*) whether they have appointed any officer of the Government to investigate into the standards of living of average families among the working and middle classes with a view to fixing their salaries;

(*b*) whether the Government have any proposal before them to reduce the pay of their servants drawing salaries of Rs. 40 a month and upwards; and